

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of February 22, 2005. The due date for response extends to June 22, 2005, with a one-month extension of time. A petition for one month extension of time is hereby made.

As requested by the Examiner, the cross-reference to related applications has been updated by way of this amendment.

Claims 1-61 were examined. Claims 54-61 were indicated to be allowable.


Claims 24 and 25 were objected to as depending from a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Claim 24 was amended into independent claim 16. Accordingly, claim 24 was cancelled. Independent claims 1, 11 and 16 were amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 24. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that claims 1, 11 and 16 are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 24 is considered to be allowable.

Claims 26-53 were cancelled. The cancellation of these claims does not mean that the Applicants agree with the rejection, and such cancellation was only made in an effort to move the allowable subject matter to issuance. The Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application, if so desired, to seek protection for the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No CASPP001). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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